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SUBJECT: SELF-IMMOLATION CASE

REF: SEOUL 2248

1. AFTERNOON NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT ONE KIM HAK-TO, DESCRIBED AS THIRTY YEAR OLD DAIRY FARMER FROM NEAR SEOUL, BURNED HIMSELF TO DEATH IN THE MEDITATION ROOM OF YONGNAK CHURCH. NEWS STORY SAID A FRIEND OF THE DECEASED TOLD POLICE KIM HAD BECOME DESPONDENT AFTER REJECTION BY HIS GIRL FRIEND. STORY SAID KIM WAS A PRESBYTERIAN WHO ATTENDED SERVICES AT KYONGDONG AND YONGNAK CHURCHES DURING VISITS TO SEOUL. SAID HE WAS A GRADUATE OF YONGNAK HIGH SCHOOL (CHURCH AFFILIATED) AND VETERAN OF ROK AIR FORCE.

2. THIS IS APPARENTLY SAME CASE AS SELF-IMMOLATION REPORTED REFTEL AND CONFIRMS NAME OF SUBJECT AS KIM HAK-TO.

3. ONE POLICE SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF HE ASSUMED SELF-IMMOLATION WAS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED BUT THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT PERMIT THIS TO COME TO LIGHT.

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